

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 9 and 18 have been amended. Claims 1-26 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

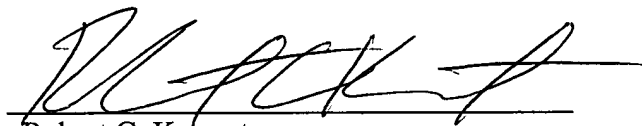
In regard to claim 1, the cited art does not teach or suggest a remote network server unit that is configured to provide a file for initializing and configuring a network environment on a client computer system when the client computer system boots up, and a failover server implemented on the client computer system, wherein the failover server is configured to provide for configuring said network environment on the client computer system when the client computer system boots up if the remote network server unit is not available, wherein the connection to the failover server functions like the connection to the remote network server for configuring the client computer system upon boot up. Independent claims 9 and 18 are similarly distinguishable over the cited art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-42900/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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